

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

SHAWON JONES,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 4:19 CV 1186 CDP
	)	
JOHN RILEY-LAYTON, et al.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Plaintiff Shawon Jones moves for the appointment of counsel to assist him in this prisoner civil rights action. Because the factual and legal issues presented by the claims remaining in this case are not complex and Jones has demonstrated an adequate ability to present his claims to this Court, I will deny his motion.

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases.

*Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing*, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In

deciding whether to appoint counsel for an indigent plaintiff, I should consider

relevant factors, including the factual complexity of the case, the ability of the


indigent to investigate the facts, the existence of conflicting testimony, and the

ability of the indigent to present his claims. *Stevens v. Redwing*, 146 F.3d 538, 546

(8th Cir. 1998).

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel [42] is denied.

  
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CATHERINE D. PERRY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 18th day of October, 2021.